

MEETING MINUTES



Committee	UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Date	Tuesday, May 22, 2007
Time	12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
Location	State Capitol Complex East Building – Beehive Room
Members Present	Dr. Gary Jorgensen, Harold Morrill, Gaby Anderson, Dan Becker, Pat Bird, Senator Chris Buttars, Lou Callister, Colonel Merrill Carter, Commissioner Bill Cox, Judge Michael Kwan, Mark Payne, Scott Reed, JoAnn Seghini, Kirk Torgensen, Judge Bob Yeates
Members Excused	Craig Burr, Commissioner Scott Duncan, Fotu Katoa, Verne Larsen, Dr. Richard Melton, Asha Parekh, Terry Russo, Chief Paul Tittensor, Anna Kay Waddoups, Sherm Watkins
Guests	Brent Kelsey, Rick Schwermer, Nora B Stephens
Staff	Mary Lou Emerson and Monica Taylor
Agenda Item	Call to Order
Notes	Chairman Gary Jorgensen welcomed all present. Motion: Merrill Carter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 27, 2007. The motion was seconded by Harold Morrill and passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	National Drug Court Research Update
Notes	<p>Rick Schwermer, Assistant State Court Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on drug court research. The 2007 Utah Legislature appropriated \$2 million in new funding for drug courts; \$1 million is ongoing and \$1 million is one-time. The research shows drug courts work; the question is which parts of the process are necessary and which aren't? For example, what do we know about best practices, sanctions, rewards, frequency of court appearances, frequency of drug testing, and the cost benefits of drug court? Douglas Marlowe, an expert on drug court research, suggests utilizing the "Risk and Needs Test" (RANT) to accurately assess an offender's risk (criminality) and needs (level of addiction). Based upon these measures, an offender can be matched with the most effective treatment and supervision models. For example, for an offender who is high on both risk and need, drug court is likely the appropriate placement. Persons who are low risk and high need can also be treated in drug courts, but differently than the high risk, high need population, and could be placed on a compliance calendar. Persons in this category should see the judge less frequently and sanctions should build slowly. Persons who are high risk and low need (some substance abuse addiction) should not be in drug court, and would probably be appropriate for intensive probation. The theory is the more we know about the offender, the more effective the placement.</p> <p>Lessons learned from the drug court research include the following: conduct good assessments of risk and need on each offender and based on the assessments, make an appropriate treatment placement; reevaluate our current drug courts; and implement best practices. In response to this, Rick reported his office has contracted with Judge Dennis Fuchs, who recently retired, to visit Utah's drug courts and collect data to objectively quantify what they are doing, and to provide technical assistance where needed. The courts will also focus on training and accountability. They will be having another drug court conference this fall and will make a presentation at the U of U School in June. In addition, it is anticipated the Judicial Council will create a new rule requiring drug courts to use good assessments, make treatment placements based on the assessments, and use best practices.</p>
Agenda Item	Subcommittee Reports
Notes	Anti-Violence and Justice – Kirk Torgensen introduced Scott Reed, an Assistant Attorney General with his office, who will replace him as co-chair of the USAAV Anti-Violence and Justice

	<p>Subcommittee. Kirk will continue to serve on the USAAV Council. Kirk asked the Council to identify topics the subcommittee could look at. Mayor JoAnn Seghini suggested “Henry’s Law,” proposed legislation to make animal torture a felony, noting the correlation between animal abuse and violence against people.</p> <p>DUI – Mary Lou Emerson reported that an ad hoc workgroup has been created under the DUI subcommittee, with the goal to reduce DUI fatalities. Senator Butters suggested a third DUI offense should require a year in prison. Council members asked whether or not ignition interlock devices are being used and if they are effective. Rick Schwermer said research shows ignition interlock is effective if it is paired with treatment.</p> <p>Judge Kwan said Utah no longer uses alcohol monitors because the contract with the SCRAM[®] (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) provider was canceled. In order to start using these monitors again we would have to negotiate a contract with the manufacturer.</p> <p>Motion: Merrill Carter made a motion that Kirk Torgensen and Judge Yeates contact Tom Patterson at the Department of Corrections and find out if they currently have anything in place for monitoring, and if not, to explore the possibilities for getting something in place and report back to the Council. The motion was seconded by Lou Callister and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Prevention – Nora B Stephens reported in 2000 the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health received a large federal prevention grant for just under \$9 million to provide prevention services for school-aged children. Several years later, they received a similar grant to provide prevention services for college students. One of the objectives of both grants was to facilitate collaboration among the agencies providing prevention services in order to avoid duplication in services, as well as to promote the use of “best practices” in prevention. To do this the Utah Prevention Advisory Council (UPAC), which serves as the USAAV Prevention Subcommittee, created a document called the “Interagency Cooperative Agreement.” This document was finalized and ready to be signed when it was placed on hold due to the election of a new governor and the subsequent changes in leadership at most state agencies. UPAC has talked about moving this document forward through USAAV and then through the Governor’s Cabinet to obtain the needed signatures, or possibly developing legislation to accomplish the same purpose.</p> <p>Treatment – Harold Morrill reported the Treatment Subcommittee has been looking at bills that were introduced but not passed during the 2007 Legislative Session. One of the bills is Representative Eric Hutchings’ proposed legislation targeting pregnant women who abuse alcohol or other drugs (H.B. 409). Representative Hutchings attended the last Treatment Subcommittee meeting to discuss his proposal; the subcommittee will continue working with him to come up with legislation that will be compatible with the treatment system. The subcommittee’s goal is to conduct similar reviews and discussions with the sponsors of other relevant bills and to bring recommendations back to USAAV before the next legislative session.</p>
Agenda Item	Update Reports
Notes	<p>Underage Drinking Prevention Media Campaign – Mary Lou Emerson reminded the Council of their oversight role in the Underage Drinking Prevention Media Campaign. During the presentation on this campaign at the last USAAV meeting, a gap was identified. The campaign is currently targeted at parents of youth ages 10-16, with a focus on the “harms” of underage drinking and the “skills” for preventing it. The campaign is targeted at the general population, without any specific emphasis on the needs of parents whose children are at greater risk for alcohol use/abuse because of certain environmental or biological risk factors. The Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup has since had several discussions regarding this issue and is reviewing the research to identify effective ways of reducing the impact of these risk factors. They will be adding information to the campaign website for parents whose children are at greater risk than the general population.</p> <p>Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA) – The USAAV Council also has oversight responsibility for the statewide implementation of DORA. Mary Lou reported a “DORA Oversight Committee” has</p>

	<p>been created under the auspices of USAAV and has been working tediously to ensure the state is ready to begin implementation on July 1st. Two subcommittees have also been established: a Research and Evaluation Subcommittee and a Fiscal Accountability Subcommittee. The Oversight Committee is finalizing the implementation guidelines and an application packet for the Local Substance Abuse Authorities has been created. Local Authority applications are due to USAAV on May 25th, and members of the Oversight Committee will review them along with the plan submitted by the Department of Corrections. Upon the USAAV Oversight Committee's approval, the applications will be forwarded to the Department of Human Services, who will contract the DORA funds to the Local Authorities.</p> <p>Utah Methamphetamine Joint Task Force – Mary Lou reported Governor Huntsman attended the last Meth Task Force meeting to launch the initial spots for his Methamphetamine Public Awareness Campaign. The state is currently in the process of identifying the agency that will produce the Utah campaign (proposals are due May 30th); in the meantime, the Governor has identified several national ads produced by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America that are consistent with the message he wants to send, and Utah tags have been recorded for them. The Utah tags consist of a Utah mother who has successfully overcome meth addiction and been reunited with her children.</p> <p>Governor's Child and Family Cabinet Council – Mary Lou provided an update on the new Child and Family Cabinet Council. A draft of the executive order creating the Council was included in the packets and it is anticipated the Governor will sign it in the near future. In preparation for the first meeting of the Council, staff have prepared several questions to determine unmet needs for children and families, and have requested input from USAAV members. These issues will determine the agenda for the Council, and Mary Lou asked members to review them and submit their responses to her.</p>
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	<p>U of U School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies: June 24-29, 2007 – Brent Kelsey said this is one of the oldest conferences on substance abuse in the country and is some of the best training available on the subject. He encouraged Council members to attend.</p> <p>Drug Endangered Children Conference: August 8-9, 2007 at Westminster College – Mary Lou said this is another excellent conference and in the near future the National Conference on Drug Endangered Children will be held in Utah.</p> <p>Mayor Seghini asked if she could receive a list of those municipalities and counties that are delinquent in submitting their Alcohol Funds Annual Reports as soon as it is available (reports are due October 1st), and said she would be willing to contact each of them to ensure the reports are submitted.</p> <p>Motion: Senator Buttars made a motion to have Mayor Seghini contact the municipalities and counties that are delinquent in submitting their Alcohol Funds Annual Reports. The motion was seconded by Harold Morrill and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Lou Callister asked that a USAAV membership roster be distributed to identify who is on the Council and what entity they represent.</p>
Next Meeting	Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., State Capitol Complex East Building – Beehive Room

Note: Copies of meeting materials are available upon request by contacting Mary Lou Emerson, USAAV Council Director, at (801) 538-1921 or memerson@utah.gov.